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Letter dated 8 September 2011 from the Permanent Representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

Upon instructions from my Government, I wish to draw your attention to the remarks by H. E. Mr. Nicolas Sarkozy, President of France, reported by international media on 31 August 2011, wherein he unwarrantedly and under erroneous and false presumptions about Iran's peaceful nuclear activities warned about the use of force against the Islamic Republic of Iran by stating that "Iran's military nuclear and ballistic ambitions constitute a growing threat that may lead to a preventive attack against Iranian sites that would provoke a major crisis".

The Islamic Republic of Iran expresses its deep concern over, and strong condemnation of, such a provocative, unwarranted and irresponsible statement against Iran. Such a statement is in flagrant violation of the most fundamental provisions of the Charter of the United Nations and the basic principles of international law, and is against the global efforts to strengthen regional and international peace and security.

Iran is a leading nation in rejecting and opposing all kinds of weapons of mass destruction, including nuclear weapons. As a State party to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons, the Islamic Republic of Iran has on many occasions, including in relevant international forums, officially declared that nuclear weapons, as the most lethal and inhumane weapons, have no place in the defence doctrine of the country. Furthermore, since 1974 Iran has spared no efforts in the realization of the nuclear-weapon-free zone in the Middle East within the United Nations framework and the Non-Proliferation Treaty Review Conferences.

Moreover, I wish to reiterate my Government's position that the Islamic Republic of Iran has no intention to attack any other nations. Nonetheless, in accordance with its inherent right under Article 51 of the Charter of the United Nations, Iran would not hesitate to act in self-defence to respond to any attack against the Iranian nation and to take appropriate defensive measures to protect itself.

It is regrettable, however, that, while the President of France makes such inflammatory remarks and baseless allegations against Iran's peaceful nuclear programme, he has kept silence over the Israeli regime's unparalleled record of non-compliance with Security Council resolutions, its crimes and atrocities amounting to crimes against humanity, its clandestine development and unlawful

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possession of nuclear weapons, which is the unique threat to regional and international peace and security.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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